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In the claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method of managing usage of a resource in a network system, the method comprising:  
indicating an available amount of credit for usage of a resource by a process; and  
regulating usage of the resource by the process as a function of the indicated available amount of credit.

2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the resource comprises memory space or system processor time.

3. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the network comprises an embedded computer system.

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6. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
determining a priority of the resource; and  
allocating the resource based on the priority of the resource.

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